

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment After Final Action be admitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Old claims 7-14 have been renumbered in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Claim 18 (old 15) has been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, claims 1-6 and 10-17 are now presented for examination.

Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 1, 2, 10, 13, and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over "How Debuggers Work", Jonathon B. Rosenberg, 1996, in view of McKinsey et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,446,258, the "McKinsey patent"). Claims 3 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over "How Debuggers Work", Jonathon B. Rosenberg, 1996, in view of McKinsey et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,446,258) and further in view of Gordon et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,507,805).

Moreover, claims 4, 5, 11, 12, 16, and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over "How Debuggers Work", Jonathon B. Rosenberg, 1996, in view of McKinsey et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,446,258) and further in view of Dunn et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,247,172). Also, claims 6 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over "How Debuggers Work", Jonathon B. Rosenberg, 1996, in view of McKinsey et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,446,258) and further in view of Dunn et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,247,172) and Gordon et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,507,805).

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As mentioned above, claim 18 is canceled without prejudice and the rejection of claim 18 under both sections 103 and 112 are moot. In response to the remaining outstanding rejections, applicant respectfully submits that reliance on the McKinsey patent for a 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection is inappropriate. In particular, the present application and McKinsey patent were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, commonly owned by Intel Corporation (even though the assignee name is misspelled on the face of the McKinsey patent). Accordingly, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(c), all rejected claims (1-6, and 10-17) should be allowable over the cited art.

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome, and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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Respectfully submitted,
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